

## MORNING WORSHIP

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

### PRELUDE

Three Welsh Hymn Preludes *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
II. Rhosymedre

Glad Adoration *Cathy DeRousse*  
*arr. Kevin McChesney*  
Tune in E Major *George Thalben-Ball*  
A Time for Joy *Cynthia Dobrinski*

### INTROIT

“O, Bless the Lord, My Soul” *Aaron Williams*  
*arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel*

O, bless the Lord, my soul.  
Let all within me join and aid my tongue  
to bless his name whose favors are divine.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

### \*HYMN 457

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” *Tune: TOULON*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of grace,  
you have sought to teach us the importance of forgiveness,  
but we have been resistant and slow to hear your voice.  
We are stuck in the past, holding others and ourselves to  
account for the things of long ago.  
We hold grudges, carry burdens, and lose hope for renewal;  
we miss the point of resurrection  
and ignore the grace promised in Christ.  
Forgive us, Lord. Help us to see and acknowledge  
your forgiveness, to extend it to others,  
and to find ways to seek resolution  
for the past wrongs in which we are stuck.  
Free us to love one another and to serve you with joy.  
Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

**PSALTER** Psalm 85 (*responsively*) (page 514, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “May the Lord, Mighty God” *Chinese folk song*  
*arr. Pao-chen Li*

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever,  
grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, full of grace forever.

**FIRST LESSON** Luke 11:1–4 (page 67, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON** Colossians 2:6–15 (page 189, N.T.)

**SERMON** Forgiveness ADAM H. FRONCZEK

**\*HYMN 370** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *Tune: WOODWORTH*

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

*(unison)*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive  
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### PRAYER RESPONSE "Search Me, O God"

*Eric DeLamarter*

Search me, O God, and know my heart:  
try me, and know my thought,  
and see if there be any wicked way in me,  
and lead me into the life everlasting. Amen.

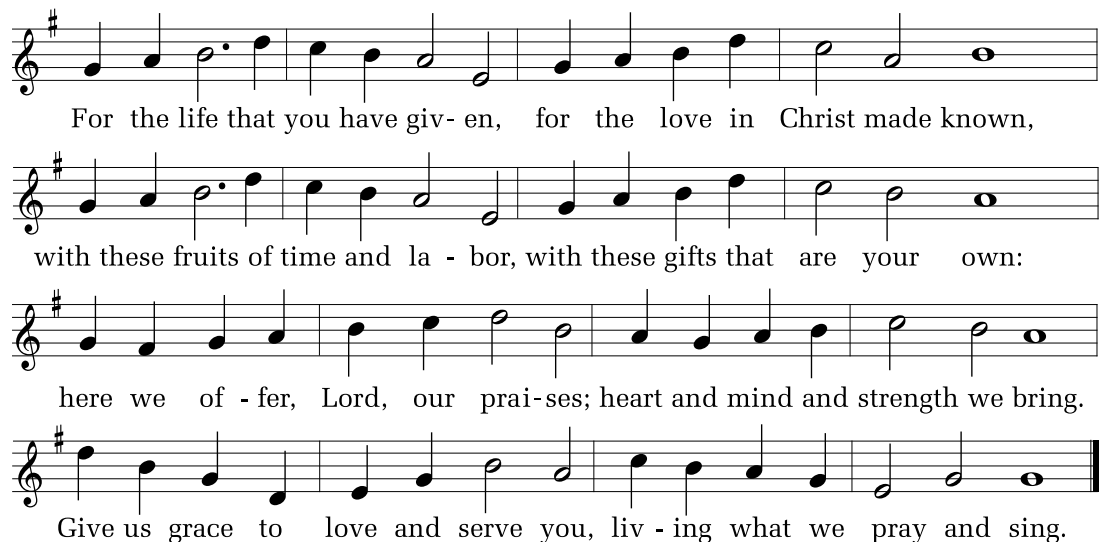
### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O, Sing Jubilee to the Lord"

*Brad Holmes*

O, sing jubilee to the Lord, every land; glory be to God!  
O, serve him with gladness, as in halls we stand;  
sing praises to God out of Zion! He made us his own,  
he has given us breath; glory be to God! The sheep of his pasture,  
we need not fear our death; sing praises to God out of Zion!  
His mercy is ours; he is Lord over all; glory be to God!  
May all generations find power in his call; sing praises to God  
out of Zion! O, come one and all with thanksgiving and praise;  
glory be to God! Give glory to him and your brightest banners raise;  
sing praises to God out of Zion!

### \*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai- ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **God of extravagant mercy,  
with hands outstretched you have poured out  
wonder and pleasure and delight,  
goodness and beauty and bounty.  
So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest  
against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished,  
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,  
in our world and in ourselves—  
and thus may we and others know  
ourselves to be blessed. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 356**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Tune:* NETTLETON

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Tuba Tune in D Major

*C. S. Lang*

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## Guest Preacher in August

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and preachers. We are particularly pleased that Ali Trowbridge will be returning to share the Word with us this August.



### Ali Trowbridge

AUGUST 25 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

In September 2001, upon her graduation from Union Theological Seminary, Ali Trowbridge joined the Fourth Church staff as a Pastoral Resident in the Lilly Resident Program, a program that was in just its second year. At the conclusion of her two-year residency, she was called as the Associate Minister for Family and Youth at Kenilworth Union Church, where she was ordained in 2003. She then returned to Fourth Church, first in the then-newly-created position, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life (in 2004), and then as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (2006–2010). Prior to entering seminary, Ali served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mali, Africa, from 1996 to 1998, receiving in 1997 the Country Volunteer Award from the Peace Corps. Ali and her husband, Jeb, and their three daughters now live in Upstate New York.

*“When society presents enticing alternatives to church, the seductive promises of happiness at one’s own gain, and when the relevancy of the institution of the church has taken a hard hit in light of our world, I consider it part of my call to help reintegrate the great works of the church into people’s lives.”*

—Ali Trowbridge on her call

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam H. Fronczek

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's Minute for Discipleship** is presented by Marilee Hopkins, on behalf of the Resource Development Committee.

**The men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs** will be singing in worship through September 1. The full choir will return to worship on September 8.

**The Handbell Choir**, which is ringing during the prelude today, welcomes new participants to the choir. Rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft. For details, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

**The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings,"** created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent). Through their combination of scripture texts and images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

**The bulletin cover photo** depicts a white tulip, photographed in the west garden of the Michigan Avenue courtyard after a spring rain.

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